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a self-piercing end adapted to pierce the surface of an associated weatherseal;
a helical flange substantially circumscribing the nose;
a shoulder axially spaced from the flange a dimension greater than the dimension of the weatherseal whereby the flange and shoulder are disposed on opposite faces of the surface to engage the fastening peg to the weatherseal without compressing the surface; and
a locking assembly disposed adjacent the shoulder and adapted to secure the fastening peg to an associated vehicle body structure.

Please delete claims 5 and 6

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

Sub B3 > 16. (Amended) A method of attaching a weatherseal to a vehicle comprising the steps of:
providing a fastening peg having enlarged first and second flanges spaced apart by a first dimension;
piercing the weatherseal with the fastening peg to form an opening in the weatherseal of a diameter less than the first and second flanges; and
Am partially advancing the fastening peg through a second dimension less than the first dimension whereby the first flange passes through the weatherseal opening and the second flange does not pass through the weatherseal opening.

Please add new claim 21 and 22, as follows:

21. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the rotating step includes rotating the fastening peg at a first rotational velocity to form the opening in the weatherseal, and subsequently rotating the fastening peg at a ~~show~~er, second rotational velocity to advance a portion of the fastening peg into a first cavity of the weatherseal.

Am *Sub B4* > 22. (New) The method of claim 21 wherein the rotating step is terminated after the first flange has advanced through the weatherseal opening.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Office Action of December 21, 2001. In response, selected claims have been canceled, other claims have been amended, and new claims have been added for consideration. The prior art, both cited and applied against the claims has been studied. When read in conjunction with the following remarks in support of patentability, it is evident that the claims as now amended define over any fair teaching attributable to the prior art.